

Evening Telegraph

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1864.

ONLY A BABY'S GRAVE.

Only a baby's grave!
I come foot or two, at the most,
Of starved and sick, yet I think that God
Knows what that little grave cost.

Only a baby's grave!
To children it seems small,
That it is there a grave—small a thing
Seems scarcely a grave at all!

Only a baby's grave!
Strange how we mourn and fret
For a little face that was here such a space—
None more strange, could we forget!

Only a baby's grave!
Did we measure grief by this,
Few tears were shed on our baby dead;
I know how they felt on this.

Only a baby's grave!
Will the little be much
Too small for his dadion,
Whose kingdom is made of such?

Only a baby's grave!
When we come and sit
By the little stone, and God to own
We are closer heaven for it!

—London Good Words for May.

Death of Washington Wilks.

We are as a nation so few true, earnest, fearless friends in England that the death of one of them at this juncture is doubly a matter of regret. Such a friend was Washington Wilks, who died at a public meeting at Freemason's Hall, London, on the 27th ultimo, while speaking before a large audience. The Boston Consensus-sentinel says—

"He was in the course of delivering a speech, in his ordinary forcible and eloquent manner, when suddenly a ghastly pallor overspread his countenance, and, turning his friend on the platform, he asked for a glass of water. The request was promptly complied with, and the speaker returned to his seat, still pale, but the gray of the destroyer was upon him, and before he could touch the glass, he fell backwards, insensible, on the platform. Several medical gentlemen were called in, but all their skill could devise, including the application of a powerful salivary battery, was tried to restore animation, but in vain. Meanwhile the meeting had remained assembled in a state of anxious excitement until after the lapse of half an hour, when the speaker's son, a less powerful and popular orator was certainly dead. Then the meeting immediately broke up, each individual struck with consternation and sorrow at the unexpected and lamentable catastrophe."

Wilks was one of the leaders of the Union Meeting men, and wrote the able articles on American affairs, which have so distinguished the paper as a true defender of the North and its cause of liberty. As an author, he is known by another article in the First Half of the Ninth Century, which became noted as a writer for the Nonconformists.

The cause of his death was decided to be serious and protracted, it is supposed, by the excitement of speaking on a subject of particular interest. He was a man of singular energy, and the word at the time of his jury's was "Death from the effects of congestion on the brain, caused by sudden exertion."

He deceased was thirty-eight years of age. The Star, the next day published these lines:

IN MEMORIAM.
WASHINGTON WILKS, DIED JUNE 27, 1864.

Last eve he was laid, with sugar pax.

The casket, chromed with England's best,
Was closed with a heavy leaden rest.

No more to portion blane or graine.

Last at the people's cause he led,
And, like him, drew the woe-torn cheer.

His last words were— "The rush of death was—dead—dead!

He died in harness. So die.

An honored grave is nobly won;

We are but a right and noble crew,

With whom the world must be redressed.

The hand that held the scroll is well;

The head he bowed shall fruitful spring;

And they who harvest taste the fruit

Shall let their labors speak, and have no working ill.

PARIS Fashions for July.

Barely has greater beauty been displayed than in the manufacture of the organdy muslin, mousselines de soie, Pompadour silks, and fouldards, now so much worn. The last named material seems as if it would never be out of favor; we see it at all times and seasons, but the plain ones are now replaced by the most elegant and luxurious designs. Muslin dresses are generally of the same patterns as the fouldards, but are covered with some very small pattern checks, spot, stripes, etc.

More or less taffetas have disappeared. For a dressy wear the poplins, lamas, and polka de cheve or mohair are much in favor—in fact, every woman of the time has a dress of this.

The muslins are more luxuriant mantles of the same, and are mostly with pretty designs in black woolen braid, for the convenience of washing, and with posies of crochet in black or green.

White dresses are much worn, in all sorts, and with various trimming, especially with striped or colored muslin in bunches of platings. Narrow black velvets are still a very fashionable trimming, especially for young ladies.

The lame or mohair dresses printed in imitation of brocade have been very popular.

The lace is still in vogue for petticoats for morning wear. The colored petticoats are extremely hand-made, and very richly trimmed. The most beautiful of these are of white lace, trimmed to correspond with the dress with which they are to be worn.

Muslin dresses are worn over colored petticoats. This has a very pretty and airy effect, and is infinitely more economical than silk slips. Many silk dresses have a pattern printed on them, to imitate velvet, ribbons, sashes, etc., and are very prettily finished off with trimming.

Lieutenant-General Longstreet arrived in Augusta, Georgia, yesterday. Notwithstanding his severe wound, which has temporarily paralyzed an arm, he is looking well. He is the guest of Judge Subey, Esq.

He is very ill.

He is a very active and energetic man, and with the first news of his arrival, the city was in a fever of excitement.

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